



1995 SENATE BILL 265

June 28, 1995 - Introduced by Senator JAUCH, cosponsored by Representative LINTON. Referred to Committee on Human Resources, Labor, Tourism, Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT to amend** 20.866 (2) (z) (intro.) of the statutes; **relating to:** authorizing
2 the funding and construction of the Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor
3 Center and granting bonding authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill adds the Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor Center in Ashland to the projects enumerated in the 1993-95 state building program. The project is to be funded with \$3,500,000 in general fund supported borrowing and \$3,500,000 in federal funds. Under the bill, if the building commission approves the project, the building commission shall authorize the contracting of public debt for the purpose of making payments to the federal government for the construction of the center. The total amount of the payments to the federal government shall be determined by the building commission, but shall not exceed the lesser of \$3,500,000 or 50% of the cost of constructing the center. Under current law, the department of administration has certain specified responsibilities with respect to state construction. Because the federal government will construct the project, the bill provides that, notwithstanding these provisions in current law, the department of administration shall not supervise any services or work or let any contract for the project. The bill also requires the building commission to include, in its recommendations for the 1997-99 state building program, \$600,000 in general fund supported borrowing and \$600,000 in federal funds for the Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor Center.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

4 **SECTION 1.** 20.866 (2) (z) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

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| 1 | General fund supported borrowing | 3,500,000 |
| 2 | Federal funds | <u>3,500,000</u> |
| 3 | Total — All sources of funds | \$ 7,000,000 |

4 (2) 1997-99 REVIEW OF PROJECTS.

5 (a) The building commission shall include, in its report under section 13.48 (6)
6 of the statutes, for the 1997-99 state building program, specific recommendations
7 and priorities for the following project to be funded from general fund supported
8 borrowing:

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| 9 | Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor Center — | |
| 10 | Ashland | \$600,000 |
| 11 | (Total project all funding sources \$1,200,000) | |

12 (b) The building commission shall include, in its report under section 13.48 (6)
13 of the statutes, for the 1997-99 state building program, specific recommendations
14 and priorities for the following project to be funded from federal funds:

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| 15 | Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor Center — | |
| 16 | Ashland | \$600,000 |
| 17 | (Total project all funding sources \$1,200,000) | |

18 (3) NORTHERN GREAT LAKES REGIONAL VISITOR CENTER. If the building
19 commission approves the Northern Great Lakes Regional Visitor Center project, the
20 building commission shall authorize the contracting of public debt under section
21 20.866 (2) (z) of the statutes, as affected by this act, for the purpose of making
22 payments to the federal government for the construction of the center. The total
23 amount of the payments under this subsection shall be determined by the building
24 commission, but shall not exceed the lesser of the amount enumerated in the state

1 building program for the project under general fund supported borrowing or 50% of
2 the cost of constructing the center. The building commission may not make
3 payments under this subsection, unless the department of administration has
4 reviewed and approved the plans for the center. Notwithstanding sections 16.85 (1)
5 and 16.855 (1) of the statutes, the department of administration shall not supervise
6 any services or work or let any contract for the project. Sections 16.87 and 16.89 of
7 the statutes do not apply to the project.

8 (END)